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Letter dated 17 September 2004 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its fifty-ninth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/59/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant paragraphs of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agendas of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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G. Disarmament

1. Reduction of military budgets [item 57].
2. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe [item 58].
3. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification [item 59].
4. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security [item 60].
5. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament [item 61].
6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East [item 62].
7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons [item 63].
8. Prevention of an arms race in outer space [item 64].
9. General and complete disarmament [item 65]:

   [The General Assembly decided that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/59/295), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 65.]

   (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

   (b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;

   (c) Disarmament and non-proliferation education;

   (d) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol;

   (e) Relationship between disarmament and development;

   (f) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;

   (g) Missiles;

   (h) Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements;

   (i) Regional disarmament;

   (j) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

   (k) Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee;

   (l) National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology;

(m) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(n) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(o) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(p) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(q) Reducing nuclear danger;

(r) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(s) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(t) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: a new agenda;

(u) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(v) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(w) Transparency in armaments;

(x) Nuclear disarmament;

(y) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

(z) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(aa) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament;

(bb) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(cc) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(dd) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

10. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [item 66]:

(a) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(b) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(f) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(g) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(h) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa.

11. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session [item 67]:

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(d) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

12. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East [item 68].

13. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [item 69].

14. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region [item 70].

15. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty [item 71].

16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [item 72].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

17. Programme planning (programme 3 of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007) [item 109].

18. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].